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### **Egypt, U.S. Sign Two Energy Deals**

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Egypt and the United States on Wednesday signed two agreements that will allow Egypt to receive American energy know-how and technology.

The two countries will expand cooperation in the fields of solar energy and fuel cells, said U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson who signed the agreements with his Egyptian counterpart Ali el-Saiedi.

Richardson arrived here late Tuesday on the second leg of a Middle East tour that will take him later to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Earlier he visited, Israel where he signed agreements that will give Israeli scientists access to some types of U.S. nuclear technology.

The Egyptian agreements will allow Egyptian engineers to receive training in the United States in areas such as photovoltaic and power systems.

Richardson said that the United States will study a proposal from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for an agreement on scientific and seismological exchanges similar to a U.S.-Israeli accord.

Richardson also urged Egypt to conclude a gas deal with Israel that has been hampered by differences on prices and other terms.

El-Saiedi said that during his visit Richardson will discuss what the United States can offer to help Egypt privatize its energy industries.